

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 6, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 1976  
H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2014  
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Labor & Public Employment, to which was  
referred H.B. No. 1976 entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC WORKS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to ensure that Hawaii's wage  
and hour law is strictly enforced on public construction projects  
by:

- (1) Establishing the Wage and Hour for Public Works Projects  
Special Fund (Special Fund) to fund enforcement  
activities on public construction projects by the  
Department of Labor and Industrial Relations  
(Department);
- (2) Requiring state departments receiving appropriations of  
capital improvement project funds to transfer a  
percentage of those appropriations into the Special  
Fund;
- (3) Requiring the Department to provide to the Legislature  
an annual status report of the Special Fund; and
- (4) Creating additional labor law enforcement specialist IV  
positions within the Department to enforce Hawaii's wage  
and hour law and appropriating funds for the positions.



The Hawaii Operating Engineers Industry Stabilization Fund; Plumbers and Fitters United Association, Local 675; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local Union 1186; and an individual provided testimony in support of this measure. The Department of Accounting and General Services, Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, and Hawaii Regional Council of Carpenters provided comments on this measure.

Your Committee has amended this measure by specifying that expenditures for creating positions, hiring, and training personnel for enforcement purposes are allowable expenditures from the Special Fund.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Labor & Public Employment that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 1976, as amended herein, and recommends that it pass Second Reading in the form attached hereto as H.B. No. 1976, H.D. 1, and be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Labor & Public  
Employment,



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MARK M. NAKASHIMA, Chair



State of Hawaii  
House of Representatives  
The Twenty-seventh Legislature

HSR 199-14

**Record of Votes of the Committee on Labor & Public Employment**

Bill/Resolution No.: <b>HB 19710</b>	Committee Referral: <b>LAB, FIN</b>	Date: <b>2-4-14</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
LAB Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. NAKASHIMA, Mark M. (C)	/			
2. YAMASHITA, Kyle T. (VC)	/			
3. AQUINO, Henry J.C.				/
4. ICHIYAMA, Linda	/			
5. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
6. ING, Kaniela				/
7. TAKUMI, Roy M.	/			
8. YAMANE, Ryan I.				/
9. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling	/			
<b>TOTAL (9)</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>3</b>
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. <small>committee acronym(s)</small>				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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